

Remarks/Arguments

The office action indicates the examiner's rejections of claims 1-3 and 5-14 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), and claim 4 under 35 U.S.C § 103(a). Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. §112

Claim 1 has been amended to provide sufficient antecedent basis for the limitations in claim 1.

35 U.S.C. §102

It is respectfully submitted that Florin et al. does not disclose teach or remotely suggest "selecting a first section of a display" and "means for navigating **within** said first section of said display" as recited by the previously amended claim 1 of the present invention. (emphasis added) In response to the applicant's previous arguments concerning this limitation, the examiner cites a portion of Florin that clearly shows moving between pages. The examiner however did not recite a portion of Florin that shows a ""means for navigating **within** said first section of said display" as recited by the previously amended claim 1. Furthermore, Florin does not teach moving to a second section of the display in response to the steps of "highlighting said navigational signal on said border of said first selected section and selecting said navigational symbol." Florin et al does not teach the steps of **highlighting and selecting** to move between sections of the display.

The invention recited by the previously amended claim 1 permits efficient navigation within a single display, which has been divided into a plurality of independent frames wherein each frame is associated with different information sources, such as internet applications. (page 1, lines 19-21) To facilitate this efficient navigation, the previously amended claim 1 recites "a system for navigating within a display having one or more display sections comprising: means for selecting a first section of a display" and "means for navigating within said first section of said display" and a control means for "highlighting said navigational signal on said border of said first selected section and

selecting said navigational symbol." This system permits the user to move from one section of the display to another without having to scroll through the entire first portion of the display and prevents the system from inadvertently jumping from one section of the display to another by requiring user confirmation by the steps of highlighting and selecting to move between sections of the display.

Florin et al. does not disclose teach or remotely suggest "selecting a first section of a display" and "means for navigating **within** said first section of said display" as recited by the previously amended claim 1 of the present invention. (emphasis added) Florin et al., teaches a system where a portion of the display can be highlighted and the user can press an arrow on the remote control device to highlight a second portion of the display. (Figs. 33-36) It is taught by Florin that "by depressing the left arrow button 148 on the remote control device 60, the highlighting is moved one window to the left." (Col 21, lines 18-20) Florin does not even remotely suggest navigating within the selected section of the display. If the examiner considers the bottom section of the display depicted in Fig. 24 of Florin labeled "categories:sports" to be the first section of the display, this section is not selected by the user, there are no navigational symbols at the border of the section, the user cannot move the highlight to a second section of the display in response to highlighting a navigational symbol and selecting said symbol.

It is submitted that Florin et al., does not disclose or suggest moving a "highlight to a second section of said display in said corresponding direction in response to the steps of highlighting said navigation symbol on said border of said first selected section and selecting said navigation symbol" as recited by amended claim 1 of the present invention. In column 22, lines 1-29, Florin teaches a system where "by depressing the right arrow button or the left arrow button on the remote control, other A/V source icons may be highlighted and previewed." Additionally, Florin teaches that "a left arrow 201, a right arrow 202, and a down arrow 210 are displayed and highlighted to indicate that the left arrow button 148, the right arrow button 150, and the down arrow button 46, or the remote control device can be depressed to cause additional information to be displayed." (Col.13, lines 61-66) Florin does not teach or suggest that the navigational icon must be first highlighted and then selected to confirm that the user desires that the highlight move to a second section of the display.

It is for these reasons that it is submitted that the amended claim 1 is not anticipated by Florin et al. Furthermore, since dependant claims 2-6 are dependant from the allowable claim 1, it is submitted that they are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

In regards to the examiners rejection of claim 7, it is submitted that Florin et al, does not disclose or suggest,

a controller for determining, in response to an entry of one of said directional keys, **whether there is a visible icon in said selected section** in the direction corresponding to said entered key; and

said controller, in response to said determination, moves said highlight to said visible icon if said visible icon is present and moves said highlight to a navigational control, if said visible icon is not present.

as recited by the present claim 7. (emphasis added) Florin et al. does not teach a system where there are visible icons, or anything else to highlight, within a selected section. As described above, Florin et al. merely teaches a system where only an entire section of the display can be highlighted at one time and subsequently the highlight can only be moved to an adjacent section of the display. (Figs. 33-36)

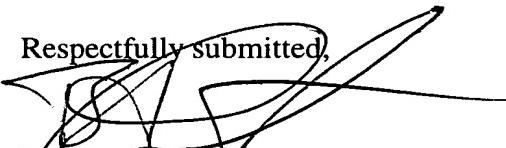
It is for these reasons that it is submitted that the claim 7 is not anticipated by Florin et al. Furthermore, since dependant claim 8 is dependant from the allowable claim 7, it is submitted that they are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 7.

It is submitted that independent claims 9 and 13 and their dependant claim 10-12, and 14 are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1-8 and are in condition for allowance.

35 U.S.C. §103

Claim 4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Florin et al. (US Patent No. 5,594,509). For the same reasons as stated above, since dependant claim 4 is dependant from the allowable claims 1, it is submitted that it is patentably distinguishable over Florin et al. Therefore, claim 4 is believed to be allowable for at least the same reason that claim 1 is allowable as described above.

Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly then, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicants' representative at (609) 734-6804, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

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